Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dr. Sheila Eckrich will retire from the Veterans Administration on April 15, 2017, after 27 dedicated years of service; and,

Whereas, In 1987, Dr. Eckrich obtained her medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Board Certified Internal Medicine; and,

Whereas, On August 6, 1990, Dr. Eckrich began her distinguished career as an Internal Medicine Physician with the Black Hills Health Care System, Fort Meade Veterans Hospital, serving as a primary care provider to the veteran population, and since 2006, she has served in the positions of Associate Chief of Staff and Site Director for Extended Care and Rehab Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Care, Home Based Primary Care, and Community Living Center services; and,

Whereas, Throughout Dr. Eckrich's tenure, she has diligently served on numerous committees, exhibited strong advocacy for veterans, participated in research studies, served as a mentor for medical students, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners; and,

Whereas, Dr. Eckrich is regarded by her colleagues and staff as a conscientious, dedicated, professional leader with a strong work ethic, positive attitude, committed to fairness with a high level of integrity, detail oriented, and an exceptional collaborator; and,

Whereas, Dr. Eckrich has earned the respect of her colleagues and staff for her genuine compassion, willingness to readily accept additional duties, demonstrating adaptability and dependability, leading by example thus encouraging and motivating those around her to also accept new challenges, and thereby fostering camaraderie and boosting morale in all of those have served veterans with her; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan and congratulate and honor her on her retirement and service to the state of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2017, as

DR. SHEILA ECKRICH DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State